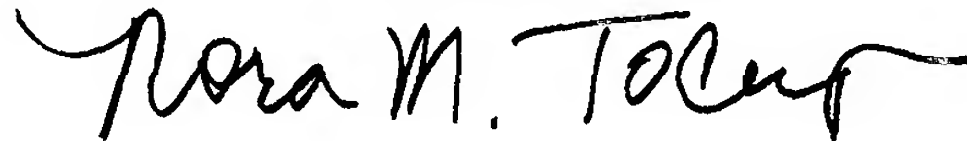


REMARKS

The present application is a continuation application of United States Serial No. 09/511,864, which is currently pending and commonly owned. The present application adds new claims.

The Examiner is thanked for review of the application and consideration of these remarks. If there are any issues that may be resolved via a telephone conference or by e-mail, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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